prevent recurrence of such incidents. The committee will submit its report within 60 days. Preliminary findings have indicated that there was massive leakage of Motor Spirit (MS) from the valve of one of the tank, which let formation of vapor cloud. Spark from an unknown source resulted in explosion of the vapor cloud, which started the fire in all the 11 tanks of the depot.

In order to take preventive steps so that such incidents do not occur in future, the Ministry had convened a meeting on 3.11.2009, to review the safety and security at oil & gas installations in the country, which was attended by the Chief Executive Officers of all public and major private oil companies having installations in the country. It was decided that the following actions will be taken:

1. All companies shall take measures to promote safety consciousness and training on safety requirement at all levels. The message of zero tolerance in matters of safety has to be conveyed to all concerned.

2. All oil and gas installations and transportation systems in the country will carry out self safety audit conforming to statutory norms and risk assessment, including Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD) standards by 31.12.2009. Oil companies will submit the reports to OISD which in turn will submit a consolidated report to MOPNG.

3. The decision taken in the 27th Meeting of safety Council held on 18th September 2009 in MOPNG regarding empowerment of OISD with statutory status would be expedited. OISD will be further strengthened with additional manpower from oil companies.

4. The Safety Council be expanded to include private sector refineries and offshore & other installations.

5. All oil and gas companies in the country must update their standard operating procedures (SOPs) for operations and maintenance practices for all countrywide installations / setups under due technical supervision and attention, availing the benefit of best practices in the country and abroad. A strict implementation of such Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) will be ensured. All oil and gas companies will submit reports on SOPs and its due implementation to OISD by 31.12.2009.

6. All oil and gas installations will have their safety audit done on quarterly basis. All major as well as minor incidents in any such installations/setups in the country including that of private companies will be reported to OISD.

Rural LPG Scheme

559. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has surpassed targets set for first 100 days of Government by rolling out path breaking rural LPG scheme, raising oil and gas output and laying of road map for expanding city gas services;

(b) whether beginning of production from Mangala oil field in Thar desert of Rajasthan and ramping up of output from Krishna-Godavari (KG) basin gas field have been hallmark of 100 days; and

(c) if so, what are other main achievements made by Ministry in 100 days target for oil production and what are other main steps to make country self-sufficient in gas and petroleum productions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (c) Introduction of Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitarak Yojana, commencement of crude oil production from Mangala oil field in Rajasthan and ramping up of gas output from Krishna-Godavari (KG) basin gas field were major achievements for the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas in the first 100 days of new Government. Road map for extending city gas services to 202 cities/towns by 2015 has also been prepared.

In addition, for easy and efficient way of booking refills, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have launched SMS/IVRS facility in Delhi on 31.8.2009. This facility would cover all the towns having a population of 5 lakh and above in the entire country in a phased manner by 2015.

Further, in order to have a simple, unique and rememberable helpline for all customers across the country to air their complaints relating to marketing of petroleum products, the OMCs have launched on 31.8.2009 a common short code six digit **Toll Free Number** 155233 for registration of suggestions and complaints.

Pace of oil and gas exploration was intensified through offering of block under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) VIII and Coal Bed Methane (CBM) IV rounds. Investments have also been made in equity oil abroad.

Productional gas in Krishna-Godavari basin

†560. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain industrial sectors had been short-listed for selling gas produced in Krishna-Godavari basin;

(b) if so, names of the short-listed sectors;

(c) whether the priority of these sectors was decided keeping in view the needs of the country;

(d) if so, the order of priority of these sectors; and

(e) the allocation of the gas from KG basin made to different industrial sectors alongwith their names?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.